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SUBJ: ECOSOC COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR
DEVELOPMENT (CSTD): SECOND SESSION, MARCH 11-29, 1974

1. THE SECOND SESSION OF CSTD WILL BE HELD IN NEW YORK, MARCH 11-29, 1974. DR. FREDERICK SEITZ, PRESIDENT OF ROCKEFELLER UNIVERSITY, WILL LEAD THE US DELEGATION.
2. AS MANY POSTS AWARE, FIRST SESSION OF CSTD (MARCH 1973) FAILED TO MEET US EXPECTATIONS. ONE CONTRIBUTORY FACTOR WAS THAT MANY MEMBER STATES WERE REPRESENTED AT THE MEETING BY UN MISSION PERSONNEL. ALTHOUGH THERE WAS A SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER OF SCIENTISTS AT MEETING, LEADERSHIP ROLE, PARTICULARLY AMONG LDC'S, WAS ASSUMED PRIMARILY BY UN MISSION PERSONNEL.
3. IN US VIEW, CSTD SHOULD BE A FORUM COMPOSED LARGELY OF SCIENTISTS AND SCIENCE POLICY MAKERS WHO CAN UTILIZE THEIR SPECIALIZED EXPERTISE TO ASSIST THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN APPLYING SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY TO DEVELOPMENT PROBLEMS AND HELP IMPROVE THE PERFORMANCE OF THE UN SYSTEM IN THIS FIELD.

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4. DR. SEITZ HEADED OUR DELEGATION TO FIRST CSTD SESSION. IN NAMING HIM AGAIN, WE ARE SIGNALLING US INTENTION TO CONTINUE TO PRESS OUR VIEW THAT CSTD SHOULD BE PRIMARILY A SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL FORUM. DR. SEITZ IS A PROMINENT PHYSICIST AND A RECIPIENT OF THE PRESIDENT'S NATIONAL MEDAL OF SCIENCE (OCTOBER 10, 1973) WHICH CITED HIM "FOR HIS PIONEERING CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE FOUNDATIONS OF THE MODERN QUANTUM THEORY OF THE SOLID STATE OF MATTER,

AND TO THE UNDERSTANDING OF THE MANY PHENOMENA AND PROCESSES THAT OCCUR IN SOLIDS."

5. POSTS ARE REQUESTED TO INFORM HOST GOVERNMENTS THAT DR. SEITZ WILL HEAD US DELEGATION TO SECOND SESSION OF CSTD AND, AS APPROPRIATE, EXPRESS US HOPE THAT OTHER CSTD MEMBERS WILL SELECT QUALIFIED SCIENTIFIC PERSONNEL TO HEAD THEIR DELEGATIONS. DEPT WOULD APPRECIATE NAMES OF DELEGATES HOST COUNTRIES WILL SEND TO CSTD. KISSINGER

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